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BEGIN SUMMARY: HUNGARIANS ARE PRESSING FOR PARTICIPATION
OF EASTERN EUROPEAN REP IN INFORMAL MEETINGS OF KEY
DELEGATIONS ON MTN AND OTHER GATT MATTERS. GUIDANCE REQUESTED
ON US POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. HUNGARIAN GATT DELEGATION HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY
ACTIVE IN PRESSING SECRETARIAT AND SELECTED DELEGATIONS
(INCLUDING US) FOR THEIR ADMISSION TO INFORMAL GROUP OF
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"SEVEN PLUS SEVEN" WHICH THEY KNOW IS CONVENED FROM TIME

TO TIME BY DG FOR CONSULTATION ON MTN AND OTHER GATT MATTERS IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL MEETINGS SUCH AS TNC AND GATT COUNCIL. HUNGARIAN ACTIONS MAY STEM IN PART FROM WHAT WE UNDERSTAND WAS COOL RECEPTION OF OTHERS TO HUNGARIAN INITIATIVE FOR AD HOC CONSULTATION GROUP AMONG MISCELLANEOUS CPS (REFTEL).

2. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO NYERGES TOLD US HE WAS DEBATING WHETHER TO ASK LONG FOR ADMISSION TO KEY DELS GROUP AND ASKED IF US WOULD SUPPORT HIS REQUEST. WE SAID IT UNLIKELY US WOULD SUPPORT BECAUSE SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN ALREADY RATHER LARGE, HUNGARIAN ADMISSION LIKELY SPART ADDITIONAL DEMANDS FROM OTHER UNREPRESENTED CPS OF COMPARABLE OR LARGER TRADING IMPORTANCE (INCLUDING POLAND). ON PERSONAL BASIS, WE THOUGHT US AND OTHER DC REACTIONS MIGHT BE MORE POSITIVE IF ALL EASTERN EUROPEANS WHO HAVE DECLARED INTENTION PARTICIPATE IN MTN (BULGARIA, CZECHO, POLAND HUNGARY, ROMANIA) COULD AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON A SINGLE OR ROTATING EE REPRESENTATIVE. WE OF COURSE STRESSED WE COULD NOT COMMIT US SUPPORT EVEN ON THIS BASIS WITHOUT WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION. HUNGARIANS SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THEY DID ASK LONG FOR ADMISSION TO SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN (BUT UNCLEAR WHETHER IN OWN NAME OR AS AN EE SEAT) BUT ELECITED NO REACTION FROM HIM. LONG DID NOT ADVISE US OF THIS APPROACH OR ASK OUR OPINION, BUT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY COMMENTED IN RATHER NEGATIVE TERMS. HUNGARIANS TELL US THEY HAVE NOW ASKED POLAND AND CZECHO TO JOIN IN APPROACH FOR ROTATING SEAT. REPS OF LATTER TWO COUNTRIES CHECKING WITH THEIR CAPITALS.

3. MEANWHILE, WITH TEXTILE NEGOTIATING GROUP IN INTENSIVE SESSIONS, HUNGARIANS SHIFTED THEIR ATTENTION TO EFFORT GAIN ADMISSION TO TEXTILE RESTRICTED GROUP AND THEY HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THAT BODY ALONG WITH POLAND.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR USE IN CONTACTS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS INCLUDING EES AND SECRETARIAT. MISSION INCLINED THINK BEST COURSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD BE TAKE A "NO OBJECTION" POSITION TO A SINGLE EE PARTICIPANT. EC MAY ANTICIPATE ANY EE REP ON SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN LIKELY TAKE POSITION ON MOST ISSUES CLOSER TO US THAN EC AND MAY THEREFORE BLOCK EE SEAT OR STALL AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. A US "NO OBJECTION" POSTURE WOULD AVOID US BEING OR APPEARING TO THE OBSTACLE. SO FAR AS SUBSTANCE OF EE CASE IS CONCERNED, WE THINK THEY HAVE REASONABLE CLAIM FOR REPRESENTATION;

CLOSE AND LONG-ESTABLISHED CONTACTS AMONG DC
DELEGATIONS PERMITS UNREPRESENTED DELEGATIONS KEEP
ABREAST OF WHAT'S GOING ON (OR NOT GOING ON) WHILE
EES GENERALLY IN THE DARK UNTIL SOME SCENARIO PRE-
ARRANGED AMONG SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN SURFACES FOR RATIFICATION.
IN DECIDING US POSITION, SUGGEST WASH BEAR IN MIND
ADDITION OF AN EE REP MAY INDUCE LDCS TO DEMAND
ADDITIONAL SEAT ON SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN.BASSIN

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